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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next annual meeting of the Council is to be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, beginning Monday morning, January 9, and extending through that day and the 10th of January, 1922. The various Boards of Education and educational associations, as well as the Conference of Church Workers in universities will hold their meetings on the 11th and 12th of January. The annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges convenes at the Auditorium Hotel on the evening of the 12th of January and extends, as usual, to 12 o'clock on Saturday, January 14. Careful preparations are now being made for the programs of all these various organizations.

THE RISING TIDE OF MINISTERIAL ENLISTMENT

The series of articles in the *New York Evening Post* which have been appearing from time to time for a number of weeks on the present crisis in Protestant ministerial recruiting and training which were inspired by the Council office and which have drawn heavily upon data furnished by the Council, have attracted wide attention and aroused much discussion. This discussion is being carried on not only in the Metropolitan newspapers and such church papers as the *Continent* and *Christian Herald*, but in leading American magazines, as the *Literary Digest*, the *Independent*, the *Nation* and the *Century*.

In the August 20 edition of the *Independent*, Dr. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia University, under the caption "Can the Churches Be Saved?" declares that the Protestant churches of America have been losing influence because for more than a generation they have been dispensing "Bad Theology, Bad Christianity and Bad Protestantism." A spirited discussion of this article followed in a later edition of the *Independent*. In the August 24 edition of the *Nation* Professor Harry F. Ward, of Union Theological Seminary, presents a stimulating article in answer to the question-topic "Can the Church Stand Fire?" Mr. Glenn Frank, the editor of the *Century*, who, by the way, is a graduate of one of our denominational colleges, devotes eight pages in the September issue to a consideration of the question, "Is Our Religious Leadership Breaking Down?" As a result of an analysis of the *Post* articles, he sets forth eleven alleged explanations of the recent rapid decrease of ministerial candi-